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In Bengal, the Forward Bloc is divided into seven sections. The leader of the Forward Bloc is Sri Silbhadra Jajee, who wants to consolidate a strong leftist group. Other important members are Sri Hemanta Bose and Sri Bimal Chose.

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Comment. The Forward Bloc, which first emerged under the leadership of Subhas Chandra Bose, was continued after Subhas' death by his brother, Sarat Chandra Bose. reported that Sheela Bhadra Yajee (presumably the same man as Sri Silbhadra Jajee) was the president-elect of the Leftists' Front and had been recruited by Nergis Batliwala, a leading Indian Communist.)

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